

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

This strikes me as
a clear attempt to
subvert democracy by
using their
broadcasting
license to affect
the elections.
Their claim that
this documentary is
"news" is laughable.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Their actions do not
serve the public
interest, nor are
they fair in any
way. If a pro-Kerry
corporation did the
same thing, it would
be equally
objectionable. This
is an outrage.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve

more than a returned
postcard. In the
case of Sinclair,
their license should
be revoked.
Anything short of
this makes the
entire licensing
process a waste of
time. Thank you.